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Latest news

- [Farmers in AE schemes can continue supplementary feeding of livestock over festive period](#)

(24 December 2010) In light of the persistent freezing conditions farmers will continue to be able to give their livestock additional feed on agri-environment scheme land without breaching their agreements, Natural England has confirmed.

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- [Natural England calls for voluntary restraint on licensed shooting during the severe cold weather spell](#)

(23 December 2010) Due to the severely cold weather, from 23rd December, Natural England is again calling on its licensees to show 'voluntary restraint' on the licensed shooting of waterbirds during the severe cold weather spell.

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- [Winter farmland bird plots a success, study finds](#)

(22 December 2010) A scientific survey of environmental schemes on farmland indicates that Government-funded measures to help birds in winter are working.

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Features



[2010 International Year of Biodiversity](#)

(27 December 2010)

We're highlighting England's native plants,

fungi and animals for which actions taken during 2010 could make the difference between survival and extinction. This week: Greater horseshoe bat.

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[Landscape photography exhibition at National Theatre](#)

(21 December 2010) The 'Landscape Photographer

of the Year' exhibition is at the National Theatre in London until 16 January 2011 and admission is free. Organised by 'Take a view', this year's competition was supported by both Network Rail and Natural England.

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[Ocean acidification: Questions answered](#)

(4 November 2010)

Manmade ocean acidification will have

profound impacts on marine life, even without a further increase of CO₂

emissions.

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► [**Natural England grant-in-aid settlement - update**](#)

(21 December 2010) Defra has now confirmed Natural England's grant-in-aid settlement for 2011-14. The settlement represents a good outcome for Natural England in the context of the current spending climate and is in line with the planning assumptions which have underpinned our efficiency programme and the development of our new business model.

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► [**Extra time for the Marine Conservation Zone Project**](#)

(17 December 2010) The Marine Conservation Zone Project Board has agreed to allow more time for the four regional MCZ projects to deliver their responsibilities.

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► [**New guides bear fruit for orchards**](#)

(17 December 2010) Natural England reports provide latest advice on planting and looking after orchards.

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► [**Natural England announces start dates for existing HLS applicants**](#)

(10 December 2010) Natural England is now contacting farmers who have applied to join the HLS scheme this year to give them start dates for their agreements. A number of priority cases will receive start dates this financial year and the remainder start dates from April 2011.

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[**The otter returns**](#)

(19 October 2010) The results of the latest national survey show that the otter is making a

dramatic comeback to our rivers and wetlands.

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[**Coastal Access is changing**](#)

(15 October 2010) England's coastline is spectacularly beautiful,

rich in wildlife and hugely popular with visitors. Work is starting now on a new England Coast Path - a new National Trail around all of England's open coast.

Note: Weymouth Bay consultation on Coastal Access closes 10 January 2011.

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